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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 26th/October, through Sunday, 2nd/November there were 235 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 3X, 4J, 4L, 4S, 4U1I, 4W, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5T, 5U, 5V, 5W, 5Z, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9V, 9Y, A2, A4, A5, A6, A7, AP, BV, BY, C2, C3, C5, C6, C9, CE, CE0A, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HC8, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J3, J6, J8, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH3, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ7, PY, PY0F, PZ, S2, S5, S9, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T2, T30, T32, T7, T9, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TR, TT, TU, TY, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, VE, VK, VK9C, VK9N, VK9X, VP2E, VP5, VP6, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XT, XU, XX9, YA, YB, YI, YJ, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZD8, ZD9, ZF, ZK1/s, ZK2, ZL, ZP, ZS

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations. As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

3B8, MAURITIUS (Also FR5). Jose, ON4LAC, is now active as **3B8/ON4LAC** until **November 23rd**. His activity has been mainly on 20/15 meters on SSB and PSK, but is expected to be active on RTTY also. He will leave 3B8 and head to **Reunion Island (FR5)** to be active as **FR5/ON4LAC** during the period of **November 26th and December 15th**. After this activity, Jose will head back to **Mauritius** and will be active again between **December 17th and 27th**. QSL via his home callsign.

3B8 & 3B9, MAURITIUS AND RODRIGUES ISLAND. Operators Hans/PA0VHA and Jack/PA3BAG are expected to be active this week as **3B8/homecall** from **Mauritius (AF-049)** **November 3-9th** and again between **November 15-24th**. Activity should be on all bands

(including the WARC bands) with Hans operating on RTTY and Jack on SSB. Look for these operators to be active from **Rodrigues Island (AF-017)** between **November 10-14th** as **3B9/homecall**. Please note that operators will be with their XYLS and are on vacation, so radio activity will be limited. Most of their activity will be between 1200-1700z and after 1800z. QSL via PA0VHA. Hans also suggests to visit their club's home page at: <http://www.pi4cc.nl>

3B8, MAURITIUS. As you can see, this island will be very active during the month of November. Look for Willy, ON5AX, to be active as **3B8/ON5AX** between **November 6-15th**. His activity will be on CS/SSB. QSL via ON5AX.

3DA0, SWAZILAND. Frosty, K5LBU, announced that he will be going here next **March** and is looking for several operators to tag along. His plans include a trip through the Kruger Game Park. If interested, contact him at: frosty1@pdq.net

6W, SENEGAL. Karel, ON5TN, will be active from **Toubacouta** as **6W/ON5TN** between **November 7-18th**. His activity is planned for 40-10 meters; main mode CW and some SSB. QSL via his home callsign. His home page with an online log search is at: <http://users.pandora.be/on5tn/>

9M6, EAST MALAYSIA. Bob, N2OO, (who was recently part of the BQ9P team) is now active from Sabah as **9M6OO** until about **November 11th**. He has been active on all bands. However, he mentions that they are having a serious line noise problem there which has caused him to concentrate on the bands with the least amount of noise. He states, "Usually 28 and 24 MHz are very clean so I have worked USA mostly there. Unfortunately, the noise peaks to the north on 15 and 20 meters so those bands to USA are MOST difficult and I have avoided them. I am able to work Europe on 14 MHz as I can turn the beam slightly away from the line noise source. Low bands have been even more difficult. I have experimented with a beverage with no luck at all. So, will have to keep this itinerary until the noise is fixed. Prospect of that happening soon are slim..... The best time to locate me on 24 and 28 MHz is around 2200-0100z. Peak seems to be around 2330z \pm ." Bob mentions that he has set up a couple of basic photo album Web pages for both portions of this trip (Pratas and 9M6) at: <http://www.qsl.net/n2oo/>

BOOK AVAILABLE ABOUT CY9!. Al, VE1AL, informs: "For those few who have spent a few days on a DXpedition to St. Paul Is. (CY9) and know how ruggedly beautiful it is there, and for those who would be interested in the island from the perspective of someone who grew up there, I would suggest a new book by Bill Budge, VE1AAO. Bill grew up on the island." Bill can be reached at: VE1AAO@ns.sympatico.ca. His book is "Memoirs of a Lightkeeper's Son - Life on St. Paul Island."

DXCC NEWS (Clarification). Last week's bulletin reported that Wolfgang, OE1WEU, informed OPDX and readers that **YI9OM** QSLs are being rejected (Reason indicated: No Documentation Received). This past week "The Daily DX" reported that Wayne, N7NG, at the DXCC Desk states, "QSL cards for YI9OM are good for DXCC **through November 30, 2002**. QSOs after that date were not made from by the original licensee and therefore do not count for DXCC." ADDED NOTE: Bernie and "The Daily DX" also report that QSL cards for **7Z1SJ** and **HZ1MD** currently do **not** count for DXCC as the DXCC Desk is waiting for documentation. Also, David Chen, BA4RF, informs OPDX that his **YA/DL5NAV** and **OJ0/OE1ZKC** QSLs were rejected. Reason indicated: No Documentation Received.

EA8, CANARY ISLANDS. Operators Erwin/DL1DX, Heinz/DJ1OJ and Sigi/DL6QW will be active as **EA8AX** during the **CQ World Wide DX CW Contest (November 29-30th)**. Their operating class is not yet determined. QSL via the bureau.

ET, ETHIOPIA. Peter, **ET3BN**, has been active on 20/15/12/10 meters CW over the past week and weekend. Activity seems to take place between 1100-1630z. QSL via DL1JRC.

FR/E, EUROPA (Update and Changes). It seems the dates on the upcoming operations to Europa have been changed, but for the better. The team of five to eight operators will be active a little longer than previously announced. The team will be on Europa between **November 24th through December 15th**. They will use a French navy ship to get to Europa and also return. On the return trip they will head to Reunion Island. The callsigns they requested are **TO4E** for the main operation and **TO4WW** for the **CQWW CW Contest**. They plan to have 3 stations on the air. Donations can be sent via F5OGL.

FS, FRENCH ST. MARTIN. Ann/W2AZK and Brian/KF2HC return to French St. Martin with Gene/K2KJI, Mary Ann/K2RVH, Captain Bob/W5GJ and Mike/WA2VUN from **December 3-10th**. The group plans to have 2 stations on 160-6 meters CW/SSB/PSK31. They hope to add to their operation satellite activity and a 6m beacon prior to departure from the island. Captain Bob and Brian will participate in the ARRL 160m Contest that weekend using the callsign **FS/W2JJ**. All other times operators will sign **FS/homecall**. QSL to the callsign worked direct or via the bureau. QSOs with Ann and Brian are good towards the North Jersey DX Association's "NJDXA Award". See the following Web page for details at:

<http://www.njdx.org/>

FT1Z, AMSTERDAM ISLAND. Jean-Louis, F6AGR, from AMSAT-France, reports that Sebastien, who got his ham license **October 31st**, will be active for **one year** (2004) on AO-40 (and LEOs) from **Amsterdam Island** (FT1Z, Grid Locator MF81TX). He also plans to be active on 50 MHz, and on HF as soon as the French laws permit (he has a no-code license). AMSAT-France is actively preparing his SAT hardware (dish, 2.4 GHz converter, yagi, etc which have to be as light as possible), providing training and will handle QSL cards.

IOTA NEWS.....

- **AS-008.** Operators 7N1NAI and JQ1QFO were expected to be active as **homecall/1** from **Mikura Island** this **past weekend**. QSL to their home callsigns via the bureau or direct.
- **EU-123.** Weather permitting, Peter, **GM3OFT/P**, was expected to operate SSB from the **Isles of Fleet** (SF-03 for IOSA) between 1200z on **November 1st** until about 1500z on **November 2nd**.

J3, GRENADA. Ann, WA1S, will be active as **J38AA** (expected license renewal) in the **CQ World Wide DX CW Contest (November 29-30th)** as a Single-Op/All Band/Low Power entry. Ann informs OPDX that she will arrive late **November 20th** and stay **until December 1st**. Activity outside of the contest will be on 160-10 meters but will primarily concentrate on the WARC bands. The mode will mainly be CW, but she will do some SSB. QSL via her home callsign WA1S.

KH2, GUAM. Setsu/JL1UXH/KK2H and his XYL Maki/7L4FSR will be on the air from **November 12-16th** as **KK2H/KH2**. He states, "Not a rare entity though we will focus on EU

and USA east coast." Activity will be on all HF bands CW/SSB. Setsu states, "Sorry, no RTTY/SSTV this time. This is rather a DX Vacation, not a DXpedition HI..." An online log will be available during the operation and will update on daily bases at: <http://kk2h.4th.jp> QSL via JL1UXH via bureau or direct. Please do not send anything to the U.S. address of KK2H.

LX, LUXEMBOURG. Operators Philippe/LX2AJ, Jorgen/DL4SDW, Uwe/DL4SDX, DL5SEJ and Bernd/DL8SCG will be active as **LX7I** in the **CQ World Wide DX CW Contest (November 29-30th)** as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via LX2AJ (Bureau).

OH0, ALAND ISLAND. Ari, OH5DX (ex-OH1EH), will be active as **OH0Z** in the **ARRL 160 Meter Contest**. Operating class is not yet determined. QSL via OH5DX.

OOOPPPSSS DEPARTMENT!!! In [OPDX.632](#) under "NCDXA 2004 OFFICERS", OPDX received and reported the wrong callsign for Terry Hines. His callsign should be **N4ZH** (NOT N2ZH as reported).

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- Vicente, EA5YN, reports that the complete **3C0V** log (SSB,CW,RTTY, PSK) is now available at: <http://www.tabarca.es.mn> Also, a direct link is available at: <http://personal.telefonica.terra.es/web/ea5yn/3c0lo.htm>
- Leon, K2EWB, reports that he is no longer the QSL Manager for **AP2JZB**. All current requests have been answered. New requests should go to the QRZ.com address for AP2JZB.
- It was announced this past week that the BQ9P logs are now available online at: <http://www3.ocn.ne.jp/~iota/newpage64.htm> Also, QSL Manager Steve, KU9C, has sent out the following press release:

"Now that it's noted that the log search for BQ9P 2003 is up and running, let me remind/share with you what will help to get your QSL back more quickly:

- if you notice a difference between your log and the log on line, NOTE IT IN WRITING and send with your QSL request. Please avoid sending me or the team members an email, it's much more orderly and efficient to deal with this in the process of checking the logs against QSL cards received.
- send to me ONLY your request for **BQ9P** 2003. If you add other years of BQ9P in, or other calls I manage, it will slow your return SUBSTANTIALY. It amazes me how many folks will try to stuff as many calls in as they can for me, and then wonder why their return takes a long time. Rule of thumb, at least 2 months per call beyond the first one....just the facts of life. Sometimes longer, sometimes sooner, depends on the call, how quickly I research that log, and a host of other items."

Steve will send out a press release when the cards start going out. He states, "I've got the log....I'll be able to predict mailing once the QSL card is put to bed.. If you care to donate to this operation, I will forward donations received with the QSL cards to the team. As a note of interest, the costs of this DXpedition were budgeted at approximately 8000 USD,

and this does not include the cost of the operators getting to Taiwan. The costs overran somewhat, due to the typhoon, and a need to juggle aircraft to get to the island. All but about 1200 USD of this amount was funded by the operating team..... Thanks es 73 Steve KU9C"

- QSL **HC1HC** (operator Alfredo) was active in last week's CQWW SSB Contest via NE8Z.
- Paul, W8AEF, reports that the following logs have been uploaded to the [LookBook of The World](#) (LoTW): **XZ0A** (2000), **XZ1N** (1998), **TU5A** (1996) and **FO8DX** (1997).
- The **PZ5A** contest logs are now available on the Web site at: http://www.mdx.org/pz_2003.html
- MORE QSL routes for the 2003 CQWW SSB DX Contest are available via the following Web page at: <http://www.arrakis.es/~ea5eyj/>
- Please QSL the following "Team Antigua Members" via these routes

"DIRECT ONLY PLEASE":

V26B	via WT3Q	V26KEN	via N2KEN
V26EM	via W2SN	V26R	via KA2AEV
V26G	via N2ED	V26U	via W2UDT
V26OC	via N3OC	Direct only	

- QSL Manager Bill, **VK4FW**, informs OPDX and its readers to please note the new address for all correspondence effective immediately: Bill Horner, PO Box 513, Nambour 4560, Australia.
- Alex, **YO9HP**, was active from Oman as A45WD in last week's CQWW SSB Contest. QSL via YO9HP.

USI NEWS. Look for members of the Sandusky Radio Club, **W8LBZ**, to be active **November 7-9th** from **Kelley's Island** (USI OH-001L) located in **Lake Erie**, Erie county, Ohio. Activity will be on 40 and 20 meters, mostly SSB, using the club callsign. QSL via the bureau for DX stations or direct (with SASE) to: Sandusky Radio Experimental League, Inc., 2909 West Perkins Ave., Sandusky, Ohio 44870, USA.

V26, ANTIGUA. Paul/WY7I and Steve/K7LXC will be active as **V26DX** during the **CQWW CW DX Contest** as a Multi-Single entry. They will be there between November 28th and December 1st. They will be operating on all bands CW.

V31, BELIZE. Rumen, LZ1MS, informs OPDX that he has been active as **V31LZ** since **mid August** this year. He is a visiting Professor during this academic year (August 2003-April 2004) at the newly established Galen University in **San Ignacio**, Cayo district. He is using TS-870S (100w) and a trap vertical antenna 14 AVQ Hy-Gain on 40/20/15/10 meters. Rumen is active mainly on CW but there is some activity on SSB as well. He prefers the DX frequencies \pm QRM, the only exception is the 40m band where he prefers the lower end of the band. QSL via his son, Vasco Gechev, LZ3RZ: P.O. Box # 1, 1756 Sofia, BULGARIA.

VK9C, COCOS-KEELING ISLAND. Hisashi/JA1KJW and Kunio/JA8VE will be active as **VK9CJ** and **VK9CV**, respectively, between **November 27th and December 7th**. Activity will be on 160-10 meters CW/SSB/RTTY. Look for them to also be active in the **CQ World Wide DX CW Contest (November 29-30th)** as **VK9CJ**. QSL via JA1KJW.

VK9X, CHRISTMAS ISLAND. Charlie, W0YG, is now active as **VK9XG** until **November**

8th. As mentioned in earlier bulletins, Charlie's main priorities will be the low bands on CW (particularly 160/80 meters) plus some digital modes activity on the HF bands. For 80 meters, watch around 3506 kHz starting about 1045z and again at 2130z. Watch 20/15 meters for CW and RTTY activity at other times. Bernd, DF3CB, is reportedly providing online logs and will be uploading them regularly to the VK9XG Web site at: <http://www.df3cb.com/vk9xg/>

WEB SITE URL CHANGE. John, K3WWP, informs OPDX that his Web site (K3WWP's Ham Radio Activities) has had its URL changed. John's Web page (now in its eighth year of operation) includes the following: DX QSL Routes ** Operating Tips QRP Rigs Info ** CW Contest Calendar Daily Propagation Info ** Your CW Stories Teens and CW ** Monthly polls Categorized Quality Links ** MUCH MORE. Please visit John's Web page at: <http://home.alltel.net/johnshan/>

WP4, PUERTO RICO. Daniel, **WP4F**, will be active in the **CQ World Wide DX CW Contest (November 29-30th)** as a Single-Op/Single Band (40M) entry. QSL via WP4F.

XU, CAMBODIA. Peter, NO2R, has received his callsign/license and will be active as **XU7ACY** from **Sihanoukville, January 5-12th**. Activity will be on 160/80/40 meters exclusively. QSL via K2NJ.

ZK3, TOKELAU. Silvano, I2YSB, informs OPDX that he, Flaviano/I2MOV, Carlo/ IK1AOD and Marcello/IK2DIA will be active from here beginning **February 13th and ending February 25th**. Activity will be on 160-6 meters CW/SSB and possibly RTTY. The team is looking for your input on your needs and wants from Tokelau, and a survey is available at their Web site at: <http://www.qsl.net/i2ysb/> QSL Manager for DIRECT cards go via I2YSB. QSL Manager for BUREAU cards go via IK2DIA.

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<http://www.papays.com/opdx.html>

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